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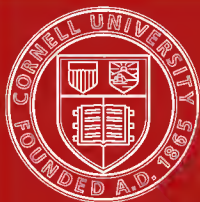
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Sir Walter Scott says that Dryden seldom suffers his poem to languish, every stanza presents some strong thought or vivid description, but that the structure of the verse (four-line stanza) has laid him under the odd and unpleasing necessity of filling up his stanza, by compiling a simile, or a moral expressed in the two last lines along with the fact which had been expressed in the first.

DRYDEN'S FIRST BOOK.

127 DRYDEN (John) A POEM UPON THE DEATH OF HIS LATE HIGHNESS, OLIVER, LORD PROTECTOR OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND, WRITTEN BY MR. DRYDEN. *London, printed for William Wilson; and are to be sold in Well-yard, near Little St. Bartholomew's Hospital*, 1659. THE EXCESSIVELY RARE FIRST EDITION, 4to, sprinkled calf extra, by RIVIERE, £10 10s

A most important piece—Dryden's ACTUAL FIRST PUBLICATION in book form. The rarity of this poem is too well known to need many remarks, and we think it sufficient to say it escaped the vigilant researches of Mr. Malone, and that it is not mentioned by Lowndes.

The rarity can be accounted for by the fact that a few months after its publication the Restoration took place, and the author addressed a congratulatory poem to the King; an incident which Sir Walter Scott refers to in these words:—"IT IS SINGULAR THAT THE POET WHO SOLEMNIZED BY ELEGY THE DEATH OF THE PROTECTOR SHOULD HAVE HAILED THE RESTORATION OF THE STUART LINE." This elegy was never acknowledged by the author in the collection of his work, though not forgotten by his enemies, and many years after its first appearance it was reprinted by one of his mean and malignant antagonists, with the hope of making him (Dryden) appear as an apostate, under the title of "An Elegy on the Usurper, Oliver Cromwell, by the author of 'Absalom and Achitophel.'"

The poem consists of thirty-seven stanzas, written in the measure and somewhat in the manner of Gondibert. The flow of his versification improved, and his command of poetical language extended, but no marks were yet discovered of the luxuriance of early genius, or the overflow of a mind full of poetry; nor are there any traces in his language from which we may collect that his curiosity had been directed to the study of great poets who flourished in the preceding age. His poetry was in the general style of the time in which he lived; it did not partake of any individual character, nor was it controlled by any presiding genius. It shows rather a vigorous understanding and quick discernment than a rich imagination, or a fancy lavish of its youthful store. How little does it resemble the early poems of Milton, which were published but a few years previous to this time.

DRYDEN'S SECOND BOOK.

128 DRYDEN (John) ASTRÆA REDUX, a Poem on the happy Restoration and Return of his Sacred Majesty Charles the Second, by JOHN DRYDEN. *Printed by J. M. for H. Herringman*, 1660. FIRST EDITION, folio, sewn [SOLD]

A fine copy of an important and exceedingly rare Poem, the actual second publication of JOHN DRYDEN in book form.

When the Restoration took place, Dryden's kinsman and protector in London (Sir Gilbert Pickering, a staunch Republican) retired to his native country, and Dryden, now left on his own resources, hastened, in conjunction with his brother poets, to efface all memory of his former delinquency by publishing his Astræa Redux in 1660. This poem is written in the taste and feeling of the former. One line

A horrid stillness first invades the ear
And in that silence we a tempest fear,

has been much ridiculed for the incorrectness and supposed absurdity of thought; but it has been successfully vindicated by the reasoning of Johnson. Silence is a privation; and yet the poets give it an active influence and power over the mind—*Simul ipsa silentia terrent*—are the words of one whose exquisite propriety of expression and correctness of thought are yet unrivalled.

In this poem, "some of the similes," says Scott, "are brought out with singular ingenuity." "Waller, as well as Dryden, altered his sentiments and changed his notes on the Restoration; and when the King hinted to him the inferiority of his second poem to the former, answered, 'Poets, Sir, succeed better in fiction than in truth.' What notice Charles took of Dryden's Astræa we are ignorant."—*Dr. Joseph Warton*.

DRYDEN'S THIRD BOOK.

129 DRYDEN (John) TO HIS SACRED MAJESTY, A PANEGYRICK ON HIS CORONATION. *H. Herringman*, 1661. FIRST EDITION, folio, sewn, [SOLD]

There is an animation of language and an energy of style, it is said, in this poem, yet mixed up with conceits of his preceding productions.

The following couplet could not be easily surpassed in the works of Flecknoe and Shadwell:—

A queen near whose chaste womb, ordained by fate,
The souls of kings unborn for bodies wait.

Telegraphic Address—"LYCIDAS," LONDON.

'If, says Sir Walter Scott, the souls of any unhorn monarchs waited for bodies from Queen Catharine, they waited long in vain; perhaps it was not her fault, for, as the same writer sensibly observes, 'for a woman to bear children, it is necessary that someone should take the trouble of getting them.'

DRYDEN'S FOURTH BOOK.

- 130 **DRYDEN (John)** *TO MY LORD CHANCELLOR, PRESENTED ON NEW-YEAR'S-DAY*; BY J. DRYDEN. *H. Herringman, 1662. FIRST EDITION, folio, sewn (very rare), [SOLD]*

This poem approaches more closely to the metaphysical style of Cowley and his contemporaries than any other of Dryden's compositions. Scott ingeniously conjectures that Dryden professedly wrote after the manner of those with whose works the Chancellor had formerly been acquainted; in fact, that he strove to please, by bringing again before the eyes of the aged statesman that glitter of sentiment which had delighted him in his youth. Johnson says Dryden never after strove to bring on the anvil such stubborn and unmanageable thoughts.

- 131 **DRYDEN (John)** *BRITANNIA REDIVIVA, A POEM ON THE BIRTH OF THE PRINCE.* *J. Tonson, 1688. FIRST EDITION, small folio, fine copy, sewn, £4 4s*

"Dryden, who knew how to assume every style that suited the occasion, writes here in the character of a devout and grateful Catholic, with much of the *unction* which marks the hymns of the Romish Church. In English poetry we have hardly another example of the peculiar tone which the invocation of saints and an enthusiastic faith in the mystic doctrines of the Catholic faith can give poetry. To me, I confess, *that* communion seems to offer the same facilities to the poet, which it has been long famous for affording to the painter: and the *Britannia Rediviva*, while it celebrates the mystic influence of the sacred festivals of the Paraclete and Trinity, and introduces the warlike forms of St. Michael and St. George, has often reminded me of one of the ancient altar-pieces, which it is impossible to regard without reverence, though presenting miracles which never happened, or saints who never existed."—*Sir Walter Scott.*

- 132 **DRYDEN (John)** *MAC FLECKNOE, OR A SATYR UPON THE TREW-BLEW-PROTESTANT POET, T. S., by THE AUTHOR OF ABSALOM AND ACHITOPHEL.* 1682. *FIRST EDITION, small 4to, sewn [SOLD]*

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In this poem, observes Malone, ample vengeance is taken by Dryden on his corpulent antagonist (Shadwell); a torrent of wit and satire, mixed with contempt, indignation and derision, overwhelmed, in one gigantic effort, and by a well directed blow, the wretched poet against whom it was levelled. The most cutting sarcasm was conveyed in skilful versification, which gave point and keenness to the edge of its wit, and which has been emulated and copied, but not exceeded even on the broader canvas of the Dunciad.

- 133 **DRYDEN (John)** *OF DRAMATIC POESIE, AN ESSAY BY JOHN DRYDEN, ESQ.—Fungar vice cotis, acutum Reddere quæ ferrum valet, exoris ipsa secundi. Horat. De Arte Poet.* *London, printed for Henry Herringman, at the Sign of the Anchor on the Lower Walk of the New Exchange, 1668. FIRST EDITION, 4to, a fine copy in new sprinkled calf extra, rough gilt edges, with Frederick Locker's Bookplate, £4 4s*

This was Dryden's principal prose production. The character of Shakespeare's genius which he exhibits here in so masterly a manner called forth the highest encomiums from Dr. Johnson, who says, "It will not be easy to find in all the opulence of our language a treatise so artfully variegated with successive representations of opposite probabilities, so enlivened with imagery, so brightened with illustrations. His portraits of the English Dramatists are wrought with great spirit and diligence. The account of Shakespeare may stand as a perpetual model of encomiastic criticism, exact without minuteness, and lofty without exaggeration. The praise lavished by Longinus on the attestation of the heroes of Marathon, by Demosthenes, fades away before it. In a few lines is exhibited a character so extensive in its comprehension, and so curious in its limitations, that nothing can be added, diminished, or referred, nor can the editors and admirers of Shakespeare, in all their emulation of reverence, boast of much more than of having diffused and paraphrased the epitome of excellence, of having changed Dryden's gold for baser metal of lower value, though of greater bulk."

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327 OLD PLAY.—JONSON (BENJAMIN) BEN JONSON HIS VOLTONE OR THE FOX. (A COMEDY) Simul et incunda, et idonea dicere vitæ. Printed for Thomas Thorppe. 1607. FIRST EDITION, a large copy in morocco super extra, by RIVIERE, £15 15s

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